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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

An Appendix containing amended drawing sheets follow page 4 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached six sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5 and 6. These sheets, which include Figures 1, 2, 3a and 3b, 4, 5 and 6, replace the respective original sheets including the same Figures.

In Figure 1, an inadvertent crescent marking has been deleted from the lower left of the monolith, and ovals in the housing shell at the top and bottom outside the volume occupied by the monolith (both sides) have been deleted.

In Figure 2, the cross-hatching in the central cavity 17 has been removed, and the opposite end face has been placed in proper perspective.

In Figure 3a, proper hatching has been added.

In Figure 3b, proper hatching has been added.

In Figure 4, an inadvertent crescent marking has been deleted from the lower left of the monolith, and ovals in the housing shell at the top and bottom outside the volume occupied by the monolith (both sides) have been deleted.

In Figure 5, an inadvertent crescent marking has been deleted from the lower left of the monolith, and ovals in the housing shell at the top and bottom outside the volume occupied by the monolith (both sides) have been deleted.

In Figure 6, the four membrane banks have been properly shown consistent with Figure 3a, and the influent liquid and treated liquid outflow paths have been properly shown.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

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